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BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation  
for Authority to Issue Long-Term Indebtedness Not  
to Exceed \$50,000,000 in Principal Amount

6690-SB-122

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING, INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

**THIS IS A PROCEEDING** pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 184.03 to consider the September 25, 1998, application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPS) for authority to issue and sell up to \$102,000,000 aggregate principal amount of notes or debentures.

According to WPS, the proceeds from the securities will be used for one or more of the following purposes: paying costs of construction and acquisition of capital assets; retiring short-term indebtedness incurred for construction and other public utility purposes; paying the cost of redeeming, repurchasing and retiring one or more series of the Corporation's preferred stock; and paying expenses of issuance of the new issuance. WPS also proposed issuing \$102 million first mortgage bonds as temporary security for the proposed notes or debentures while the company transitions to unsecured indebtedness from secured indebtedness. On October 28, 1998, WPS filed a letter withdrawing its request for the \$52 million portion that could have been used to retire preferred stock.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). No unusual circumstances suggesting the likelihood of significant environmental consequences have come to the Commission's attention. Neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11, nor an environmental assessment is required.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Commission considers it necessary in order to carry out its duties to investigate the books, accounts, practices, and activities of WPS. The expenses incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such investigation will be assessed against and collected from WPS in accordance with Wis. Stat. §§ 184.10(3) and 196.85(1), and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 5.05(2). Anyone objecting to the proposed issuance must file a request for hearing with the Commission within 10 days of this notice.

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If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Lois Hubert, Electric Division, at (608) 267-2210.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

By the Commission:

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Lynda L. Dorr  
Secretary to the Commission

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